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Vale District Office
100 Oregon Street
Vale, Oregon 97918
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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August 20, 2002

Dear Concerned Citizen:

A Draft Three Fingers Wild Horse Gathering Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA No. OR-030-02-31) has been prepared and is available for viewing at <http://www.or.blm.gov/vale/> under NEPA Planning and Environmental Analyses, Schedule of Proposed Actions, or at the Vale District Office of the BLM, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon. This document analyzes the removal of excess wild horses in the wake of a 32,000 plus acre wildfire in the Herd Management Area (HMA), to provide for the well being and protection of the horses, and for management purposes of supporting rehabilitation and restoration efforts to maintain a thriving ecological balance within the HMA, Malheur Resource Area of the Vale District.

We are allowing a fifteen (15) day comment period prior to issuing a decision. All comments received within 15 days from the date of this letter will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being issued. A copy of the decision will be sent to those who comment or request it. All comments should be in writing and should be directed to the Malheur Resource Area Manager at the above address. Any questions regarding this plan or the analysis should be directed to Jim Johnson, a member of my staff, at 541-473-3144.

The decision is intended to be placed in Full Force and Effect after consideration of comments received.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Dabbs

Tom Dabbs
Field Manager
Malheur Resource Area